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THE TRUSTS.

One of the most outspoken and earnest articles upon the subject of "trusts" appears in the editorial columns of that excellent paper, the *Prairie Farmer*, of Chicago, it says that "the modern trust is a hydra-headed monster. Its province is to wreck railroads, combine to place a flimsy price upon any article of value, to crowd out competitors by driving out all but these engaged in the conspiracy out of the trade, and then fix prices to suit the greed of the principals."

The trust is, in fact, a conspiracy to illegally and outrageously tax every purchaser of the goods or commodities it represents. With pools, syndicates, trusts (?), whatever they may call themselves, whether the commodity be coal, iron, salt, sugar, or what not, the aim is to put flimsy and outrageous profits into the gaping and capacious pockets of the unscrupulous organizers.

The millions of trusts, syndicates and pools, and even some of the principals themselves, are found in the senate and house of representatives of the United States and also in state legislatures. Are such people safe to trust? Being interested, are they fit lawmakers? Is not the creative power greater than the created? Most assuredly! Why then this twaddle that the law cannot touch them? They are conspirators, robbers, enemies of the public welfare, and the man or legislature who assumes or argues that the law cannot reach them, is no less dangerous as a law-maker than the hydra-headed trust of to-day.

The suggestion of Chief of Police Mitchell in regard to the establishment of a reform school is a good one. Not only in Seattle, but in every city of Washington Territory, there are hoodlums who are too young to be sent to the penitentiary but who should not be permitted to be at large. With proper effort many of these might be prepared for useful citizenship. If this city or county should establish such a reformatory institution as is needed, an arrangement could probably be effected by which it would become a place of confinement for incorrigible youth from all parts of the territory, and eventually it would become a territorial institution. The subject is one which should be freely discussed.—Seattle Post.

MANY old gambling superstitions are seen at Monte Carlo. Recently a Russian Princess, one of the heaviest of gamblers at that resort, appeared at the tables with a rope that had been used by the hangman to execute a murderer tied around her neck and a bull's horn under each arm, and yet she played to very bad luck.

ADAM FOREPAUGH, the great showman, has made two costly presents. He gave to Philadelphia, his native city, for the zoological garden, the elephant, Bolivar, the "largest living elephant" and for a New Year's gift gave New York "Tip," the second largest elephant, for the Central Park menagerie. Each valued at \$8,000.

UNDER the Iowa prohibitory law there was a recent seizure of 670 one-eighth kegs, 40 one-quarter kegs and nineteen cases of bottled beer, in one lot. This incendiary fluid will be spilled in the street, and those in whose custody it was found will be sent to the penitentiary.

THE LABOR QUESTION.

The San Francisco Examiner proposes solving the labor question in a practical way. It says:

"The problem is simple enough. What is needed to ascertain definitely the extent of the demand for white labor, and to learn where the supply of white labor is to be had. These bottom facts known, all that will remain to be done will be to carry the laborers to the places where they are wanted."

Being weary of the barren discussion now going on in Boards of Trade, Trades Unions, etc., it proposes bringing things to a focus at once, in the most direct and business-like manner:

First, then, the Examiner invites every orchardist, vineyardist, and hop-grower in California who has heretofore employed Chinese and who is willing to employ white men instead the coming season, to send us his name, the number of men he wants, when he wishes them to arrive and how long he will need them.

Second, when we have thus learned the extent and locality of the demand, we shall call upon the city intelligence offices and other labor supply agencies of every nature to provide the men.

Nothing then will be required to bring demand and supply together but labor trains at an extremely low rate of fare.

The Examiner if need be will supply these labor trains itself.

They will not be confined to San Francisco as a starting point, but will run from Los Angeles, Sacramento and any other considerable place where idle and willing men may be collected."

The Examiner asks the co-operation of all labor organizations in bringing about these results, but if they choose to waste their time in idle talk, it proposes to do the work alone.

A Douglas county man proposes another theory, which combined with the Examiner's views, ought to be successful. All over the mountains of Oregon are hundreds of nice garden spots, or small tracts of lands varying from one to forty acres, that would make most excellent homes for the poor, with plenty of wood for fuel, fodder for his cow and good lands for his garden. These homes would be healthful and could be occupied when the owner was not otherwise employed, and would be far better than the crowded city, with its demoralizing influences and unhealthy hovels.

THE SCHOOL BOOK CHANGE.

Cannot our legislature do something to relieve the poor who are disposed to educate their children? Already Salem has a number of children who are deprived of school privileges on account of the expense of school books, and another dose of the "priceless school books" is upon us. Oregon has had more than its usual of this kind of speculation and it is about time for some kind of relief to be offered. Education must soon be confined to a few.

SHOWERS of grayish and reddish dust off the African coast and over Southern Europe have been known from Homer's time. A "blood-rain" in 1755 covered 200 square leagues of northern Italy, making a deposit an inch deep in places; and a dust fall near Cape Verde, described by Darwin, was 1600 or 1800 miles wide and reached 800 or 1000 miles from the coast. A shower of dust near Lyons, in 1846, was estimated to amount to 730,000 lbs., one-eighth being microscopic organisms. The red color is due to oxide of iron.

THE marines from the German gunboats seem to have been worsted by the Samoans. Serves them right for interfering in a free fight between the natives. When savages anywhere are busy exterminating each other, it is not necessary for civilized white men to interfere.

THE *Toronto Globe* says that England spends \$40,000,000 a year for fruit, fresh, dried and tinned. This is why we want a show of Oregon's products in that line in London. Our share of that \$40,000,000 is the salvation of the fruit interest in this state.

"WHAT is the American national flower?" is asked by an Englishman. In the winter it is buckwheat.

DIED.

STRUM.—At his home in Polk county, on Saturday, January 12, 1889, of heart disease, John Strum, an old pioneer of Oregon.

PERRYDALE POTPOURRIE.

Wild fowl are getting more plentiful and the nimrods are bagging plenty of them.

On account of the smallpox at Amity the Christiana church protracted meetings at Bethel was postponed.

Mrs. Scott Riggs and daughter Fannie of Salem were visiting in the adjacent neighborhood of Salt Creek this and last week.

E. C. Keyt has had a stump and grub puller shipped to him from the East and is doing a big business in that line in his timber below town.

Revs. Pewther, Osborn and Bally of the Baptist church closed a series of meetings Thursday night with one conversion and two additions by letter.

All the way from two to a dozen cases of smallpox are reported in Amity. From the most authentic intelligence there are two cases and they are both under strict quarantine.

We hope and trust that the legislature will change the law in regard to the school book changes, as this is, from a common sense standpoint, unnecessary, useless and a hardship on thousands.

A Remarkable Operation.

When she was but four years old, the little daughter of J. B. Tichenor and wife of this city sustained a serious accident while playing with her little brother. The boy had just been presented with a toy axe and was gleefully swinging it around and chopping right and left. Just as he was bringing the weapon down his sister, not noticing, ran under his arm and received the force of the blow on her head, the blade of the axe striking near her right eye and severing the muscles. After recovering from the wound her eye was crossed and so remained until a few days ago when she was brought under the treatment of the celebrated Drs. Darrin who in the performance of a delicate surgical operation were successful in two operations in straightening the crossed eye.

Mr. Tichenor had her photograph taken before the operation and after and the change is noticed with feelings of delighted wonderment. He says her eye is now as straight as ever, although crossed for seven years. The family feel grateful to the Drs. Darrin for the great success in their performance of the operation and for the good they have done. Mr. Tichenor says a recognition of their ability is due and is glad to be able to add his mite in a testimonial, that others who have children or friends suffering like misfortunes may learn of their work and receive similar cures.

An Historical Axe.

Aged Negro: I am gwine on er husband an' ten years old.

Interested Listener? Indeed? Then probably you can recollect as far back as the first acts of Congress.

Aged Negro: Yes, sah; I remember all about de first axe off Congress. I otter recollect it, because I've ot wood wid it when I wuz 'bout so high; yes, sah; dat wuz afore you wuz bawn, sah; you's er nice-lookin' gemman, sah; an' can't you give de poor ole man er nickle?

An Absolute Cure.

The original Abietine Ointment is only put up in large two-ounce tin boxes and is an absolute cure for cold sores, burns, wounds, chapped hands and all skin eruptions. Will positively cure all kinds of piles. Ask for the original abietine ointment. Sold by D. W. Matthews & Co. at 25 cents per box—by mail 30 cents.

The editor hung up his stocking with care, In hope that St. Nicholas soon would get there.

He woke in the morn—the case was quite shocking.

Some fellow had stolen the editor's stocking.—Goodall's Sun.

Sneaker's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Dr. H. W. Cox.

Leon C. Daschue, Republican candidate for Congress in the Sixth Louisiana District, has notified Col. T. R. Stockade that he will contest his right to a seat in the next Congress.

By an explosion of dynamite near Sycemtown, Pa., two young men named Erb and Schecker were blown to pieces, fragments of their bodies being scattered over a wide area.

Geo. A. Baker, one of the original stockholders of the Standard Oil Company, and at one time a millionaire, killed himself with morphine at Cleveland, Ohio. Dissipation was the cause.

STATE OF OHIO, City of Toledo } Lucas County, S. S.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co. doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1888.

A. W. GLEASON
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75 cents.

Ashland has levied a 5-mill school tax.

Gardening for Ladies.

Make up your bed early in the morning; sew buttons on your husband's shirt; do not rake up grievances; protect the young and tender branches of your family; plant smiles of good temper, and reap a crop of health and happiness; root out the causes of nervous debility and "female weakness," by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is a favorite specific, and thousands of the fair sex bless the day they first heard of it. It is the only medicine for women, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee, from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. This guarantee has been printed on the bottle-wrapper, and faithfully carried out for many years.

To cleanse the stomach, liver, and system generally, use Dr. Pierce's Pellets.

Scarlet fever is epidemic at Princeton.

Brace Up.

You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with Headache, you are fidgety, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have their basis very cheap, bad whisky, and which adulterate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alternative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at Dr. H. W. Cox's Drug Store.

There are no vacant houses in Princeton.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for consumption, catarrh, asthma, bronchitis, and all throat and lung maladies. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address, Rev. Edward A. Wilson, Kings County, New York.

The A. F. & A. M. will build a temple at Baker City to cost \$6500.

Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused a general revival of trade at Dr. H. W. Cox's Drug Store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size \$1. Every bottle warranted.

Ashland has had over \$225,000 worth of improvements during the past year.

Are We to Have Another War?

Some political prophets aver that we shall. Be that as it may, the battle waged by medical science against disease will never cease until we arrive at that utopian epoch when the human family shall cease to be afflicted with bodily ailments. One of the most potent weapons which the armory of medicine furnishes is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is of special utility as a family remedy, as it is adapted to immediate relief and ultimate cure of those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels which are of commonest occurrence. Indigestion, biliousness and constipation are inseparable companions, and these ailments are completely eradicated by the Bitters. But the remedial scope of this superlatively wholesome and genial medicine takes in also nervous ailments, rheumatism, and a host of troubles. Its action in these, as in the other complaints, being characterized by unequalled thoroughness.

The total cost of the court house of Yamhill county is \$59,000.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

The Capitol Adventure Co. was incorporated in March, 1888. Their principal business house and office are in the Opera House, double corner on Court and Liberty streets, Salem. They do a general merchandise business, and in connection do an auctioneering and commission business, buy and sell real estate, cattle, horses and also act as appraisers, administrators, assignees and accountants. They have experienced help that are competent to act in all the above capacities on short notice. The best of references can be given as required, and bonds to any amount necessary. They have given the best of satisfaction as appraisers and assignees.

The Capitol Adventure Co. have, for the short time they have been in business, shown to the public that they are doing a legitimate business, worthy of their patronage. Among their patrons you will find the best farmers, who exchange their products to them for their wares; the mechanics and laborers, who know the value of a dollar, and where to invest it; also the refined and talented people go there for their elegant wares. The immigrants soon find themselves, to home at the opera house corner, for the reason that the Capitol Adventure Co. sell from ten to twenty-five per cent. cheaper than any other house in the

state, for the following reasons:

First, They buy from first hands in large quantities. They save the profits of the middle men. They save in freight. They also have the advantage of buying bankrupt stocks, and also very often reliable merchants who are pushed for funds sell them the best of goods at twenty to thirty per cent. discount for cash.

Second, They have leased the elegant Opera House building for a long time for almost nominal rent. They have the most commodious and best lighted store rooms in the city. They carry a full and complete stock of dry goods, clothing, hats, boots and shoes, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, jewelry and silverware, notions, stationery and cutlery, groceries, in fact a general variety such as are usually kept in a first class store. The Capitol Adventure Co. is about the only firm in Salem that tries to command the farmers' trade by buying all their merchantable products, and they retail the farmers' products the same prices they pay, thus saving to the mechanics and laborers from ten to twenty per cent. for the necessities of life. Therefore the Capitol Adventure Co. asks for the continuance of the public's patronage. You will find them at the Opera House corner, Court and Liberty streets, Salem, Oregon. EUGENE WILLIS, S. FRIEDMAN, Secretary. Manager.

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